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LKI EVENTS & COLLABORATIONS

- **12/08/2024:** LKI Remembers Late Hon. Lakshman Kadirgamar on his 19th Death Anniversary
- **21/08/2024:** LKI in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Sri Lanka hosts a seminar titled, 'Economic Security in the Indian Ocean Region; Prospects for Collaboration between Sri Lanka and the Republic of Korea'
- **27/08/2024:** LKI in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosts the launch of the publication 'Singapore and Sri Lanka at 50: Perspectives from Sri Lanka'
- **18/11/2024:** Hon. Vijitha Herath, MP re-appointed as the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment & Tourism and Ex-Officio Chairman of LKI
- **19/12/2024:** LKI in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) hosts a panel discussion titled, 'Artificial Intelligence (AI), Autonomous Weapons Systems (AWS) and Contemporary Challenges'



RESEARCH

- **December 2024:** Sri Lanka's Voting Coincidences with Major Powers in the United Nations General Assembly
LKI's **Shayan Peris**, Research Intern, measures Sri Lanka's voting coincidence rates in the UNGA 2009-2024 on key issues concerning Peace and Security, Human Rights and Development. Through visualizing and analysing the coincidence rates, the nuanced mix of ideological affinities, principled stances, and pragmatic considerations influencing Sri Lanka's voting behaviour is assessed
- **December 2024:** Office on Missing Persons (OMP) in Sri Lanka: Evolution, Challenges, Lessons Learnt, and the Way Forward
LKI's **Sathyalee Ranathunga**, Research Intern, analyses the conceptual evolution and the challenges persisting in the operational framework of the Office on Missing Persons (OMP) in Sri Lanka. It discusses the efforts Sri Lanka has taken in the past and present while drawing upon insights from comparable jurisdictions. It makes recommendations for the expansion of the current mandate of the OMP, in order to accomplish its humanitarian and transitional justice mandate more effectively

VISITS & ENGAGEMENTS

- **14/08/2024:** Ambassador of the Embassy of Türkiye in Sri Lanka H.E. Semih Lutfu Turgut, meets with the Executive Director of the LKI
- **21/08/2024:** LKI Executive Director participates as a panelist in the inaugural 'Central Asia Forum' hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in collaboration with the Geopolitical Cartographer
- **11/09/2024:** LKI Executive Director meets with EU Ambassador to Sri Lanka H.E. Carmen Moreno at the Embassy of the EU
- **11/10/2024:** LKI receives Ms. Séverine Chappaz, Head of Delegation of the ICRC
- **16/10/2024:** Executive Director of the US-SL Fulbright Commission Dr. Patrick McNamara visits LKI
- **11/11/2024:** Mr. Amit Bhandari, Senior Fellow for Energy, Investment and Connectivity, Gateway House, India visits LKI
- **21/11/2024:** Col. Muhammad Farooq, Defence Advisor at the High Commission of Pakistan visits LKI.
- **05/12/2024:** LKI Executive Director participates as a panelist in the round-table discussion on 'Improving Sri Lanka's Economic Security Through its Strategic Location in the Indian Ocean', hosted by the Institute of National Security Studies (INSS) and held at the Ministry of Defense
- **10/12/2024:** Mr. Martin Egknud Petersen, Deputy Head of Mission of Denmark in New Delhi visits LKI

